

A RECORD OF SELF-SATISFACTION.

MY LIFE AS AN AUTHOR. By MARTIN PARQUHAR.

Here is a reminiscence of a Shakespeare celebration:

On the three hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare, at Stratford-on-Avon, I contributed an ode to be found in my extant book of poems. Among the notabilia of the feastings and celebration, remember how Lord Houghton raised a great laugh by his pretended indignation when the king greeted the guests at dinner as "Ye spotted and wrinkled tongues!" Doubtless it was a Shakespearean old English piece of music, but stupid enough selected for a complimentary greeting. My ode was well received, but I'll say no more about it, as it can speak for itself.

The Proverbial Philosopher, however, is prepared to take what comes bravely, and he closes memoirs with the same cheerful spirit which pervades them.

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Two sayings of the little ones amused us the other day. "I see one of God's finger-nails," said little three-year-old, pointing to the crescent moon in the evening sky; "he's been paring his nails and one has dropped through." "Isn't God bigger than all the world," said Charlie to his father, who carelessly replied: "Yes." "Well, he's big enough to lick a policeman, yes!"—was the further comment of the young eloquist.—[Portland Transcript.

costed her life."  
"Anything wrong, madam?"  
"He came out to him and replied:  
"No, sir—nothing wrong. I'm waiting for my  
and he—"  
"He is in the marble shop figuring on a tombstone  
and he doesn't want to go in on account of the gl  
groundless!"  
"The gloomy surroundings wouldn't affect me a  
but I hope I know what belongs to the proper  
in this figuring on a tombstone for his  
he's been dead three years, and I presume yo  
precipitate the occasion!"  
"Certainly, madam. Sit right down on the stain  
any of the boys. Better you'll raise him up  
—age."

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